

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Pearson, Filippi, Walker, Jasparro, Preiss, Blackburn and Richard. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #060855A: RI Convention Center Authority, for the property located at 1 LaSalle Square, Providence. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the following “one-time variances” for a March 24, 2008 concert.

A variance is granted to allow the configuration of an “Inner Circle” area with only one official means of access for emergency personnel and a second variance is granted to allow the Applicant to maintain an emergency exit with 72 inches in height. This relief is granted pursuant to any additional safeguards deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050260A: Principal Dorothy Gould, for the property located at 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland. ADSFM Claude LaFlamme appeared for the Cumberland Hill Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Walker, to approve the Applicant’s request to modify the fire alarm horn in the cited classroom, and additionally to

authorize the Cumberland Hill Fire Marshal's office to adjust the horns in the classrooms of the student in need of the modification during the time he remains a student in this school. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050554: Mr. Robert Ross, for the property located at 100 Victory Highway, Exeter. As the Marshal from Exeter was not available to attend the hearing, this case will be held over to April 29, 2008 at which time the Applicant will present his plan of action to the Board.

APPEAL #050611: Librarian Jon Anderson, for the property located at 1 Memorial Avenue, Johnston (Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library). ADSFM Jackvony appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to prepare, with the AHJ, a plan of action for the correction of the deficiencies in this facility, and an additional time period of 120 days in which to complete the corrections. The Johnston Fire Marshal is authorized to extend the above time frames for good faith shown, and is also granted the authority to provide dimensional relief if necessary. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080029: Mr. Mark Shovlin, for the property located at 2220 South County Trail, East Greenwich. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman

Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the Applicant's requested relief for corridor width, pursuant to the Applicant's testimony that there would be no storage in the corridor of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #040132: Mr. Alan Sepe, for the property located at 60 Kossuth Street, Providence (D'Abate Elementary School). ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the Applicant the following relief. The Applicant is directed to correct deficiency #22 during the school spring break in April 2008. All other deficiencies shall be corrected prior to the commencement of the 2008-2009 academic year. The Applicant is directed to ensure that the cited doors are free of chocks, and the Providence Fire Marshal is authorized to require the cited doors to be maintained with magnetic hold-open devices if the doors are found to be chocked open. This file is to be held open. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #040134: Mr. Alan Sepe, for the property located at 220 Blackstone Street Providence (Flynn Elementary School). ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn, Richard and Jasparro, to grant the

Applicant the following relief. The Applicant is directed to correct deficiency #17 during the school spring break in April 2008. All other deficiencies shall be corrected prior to the commencement of the 2008-2009 academic year. The Applicant is directed to ensure that the cited doors are free of chocks, and the Providence Fire Marshal is authorized to require the cited doors to be maintained with magnetic hold-open devices if the doors are found to be chocked open. This file is to be held open. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #040135: Mr. Alan Sepe, for the property located at 160 Bucklin Street Providence (Gilbert Stuart School). ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant the following relief. The Applicant is directed to work with the Providence Fire Marshal to improve the rescue windows in this facility, to seal the cited transoms, and to bring this school into compliance by the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year. The Applicant is directed to ensure that the cited doors are free of chocks, and the Providence Fire Marshal is authorized to require the cited doors to be maintained with magnetic hold-open devices if the doors are found to be chocked open. This file is to remain open. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #s 050921, 050922, 050923: Tim La Rose of Hughes

Associates, for the Regency Plaza Apartments. ADSFM Richard Vespia and Richard Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the repeater requirement be waived for this complex. These files are to remain open.

APPEAL #080058: New England Construction, for the property located at 20 Newman Avenue, East Providence. Lt. Bellamy of the East Providence Fire Marshal's office testified by letter that he had no objection to the Applicant's requested relief. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant's requested relief. The motion was unanimous.

Under old business, the Board approved the extension of the March 1, 2008 time extension previously granted to some occupancy classifications to March 20, 2008, the effective date of the 2008 code.

**Respectfully submitted,
Carol Marsella**